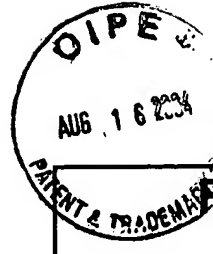


TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/040,925	
	Filing Date	December 28, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Richard N. Ellson	
	Art Unit	1641	
	Examiner Name	Nelson C. Yang	
Mail Stop	Amendment	Attorney Docket Number	7610-0040.20

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No fee due <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal <input type="checkbox"/> Fee(s) due <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal <input type="checkbox"/> Check for \$* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0580 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement & Form(s) PTO-1449 <input type="checkbox"/> Copy(ies) of cited reference(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts / Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation, Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to a Technology Center (TC) <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional or underpayment of fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 18-0580.		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm or Individual Name (print/type)	Harry G. Thibault, Reg. No. 26,347 Reed & Eberle, LP	Telephone	(650) 330-0900
Signature		Date	August 13, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.			
Name (print/type)	Joe Clark	Date	August 13, 2004
Signature		Date	August 13, 2004



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/03. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$0.00

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/040,925
Filing Date	December 28, 2001
First Named Inventor	Richard N. Ellison
Examiner Name	Nelson C. Yang
Group Art Unit	1641
Attorney Docket No.	7610-0040.20

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☒ None

☐ Deposit Account:

Deposit Account No. _____
Deposit Account Name _____

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge any underpayment or credit any overpayments

☐ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					\$

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claim in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					\$0.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

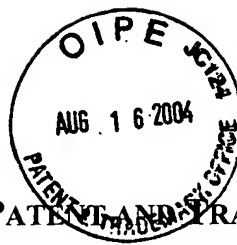
SUBTOTAL (3)

\$

SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	Harry G. Thibault	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	26,347	Telephone	(650) 330-0900
Signature	Harry G. Thibault	Date	August 13, 2004		

Application No. 10/040,925
Amendment dated August 13, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 29, 2004



Atty Dkt No. 7610-0040.20

1441

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Richard N. ELLSON et al.

Confirmation No.: 5528

Serial No.: 10/040,925

Group Art Unit: 1641

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

Examiner: Nelson C. YANG

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TRACKING CONDITIONS IN AN ASSAY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.